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REMARKS

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, and 5-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Broussard (U.S. Patent 6,317,776). Applicant respectfully traverses.

Claims 1, 2, and 5-10 are drawn to a system, a processor, and a method for reassembling videoconferencing data into a standard media format appropriate for computer systems. Claims 1, 2, and 5-10 have been canceled and new claims 22-32 are presented with claims 22, 24, and 26 being independent.

Claim 22 is drawn to a system comprising a processor that reassembles videoconferencing data into a standard media format appropriate for computer systems, wherein the reassembling comprises determining whether a frame of the data contains audio or video data; buffering audio data when a frame of the data contains audio data; buffering video data when a frame of the data contains video data; reassembling the buffered audio data into a standard media format appropriate for computer systems; and determining whether the reassembled data should include the buffered video data.

Claim 24 is drawn to a processor that reassembles videoconferencing data into a standard media format appropriate for computer systems, wherein the reassembling comprises determining whether a frame of the data contains audio or video data; buffering audio data when a frame of the data contains audio data; buffering video data when a frame of the data contains video data; reassembling the buffered audio data into a standard media format appropriate for computer systems; and determining whether the reassembled data should include the buffered video data.

Claim 26 is drawn to a method that reassembles data into a standard media format appropriate for computer systems, wherein the reassembling comprises determining whether a frame of the data contains audio or video data; buffering audio data when a frame of the data contains audio data; buffering video data when a frame of the data contains video data; reassembling the buffered audio data into a standard media format appropriate

for computer systems; and determining whether the reassembled data should include the buffered video data.

In contrast, Broussard discloses an apparatus and method that automatically select a video stream of a videoconference for transmission or display. The apparatus and method include receiving video and audio streams over a network and suppressing certain video stream based on the amplitude data of the corresponding audio stream.

The Examiner contends that Broussard teaches a processor that receives data and reassembles the data into a format appropriate for standard media on computer systems (col. 6, ll. 14-35). Applicant respectfully disagrees. Applicant submits that Broussard only teaches a processor receiving audio and video streams and converting the signals from a first format to a second format (col. 6, ll. 21-25), or raw audio and video signals are converted to pulse code modulated (PCM) data by a converter (col. 6, ll. 31-34). Broussard does not teach or suggest a system, a processor, and/or a method for reassembling videoconferencing data, wherein the reassembling as claimed herein comprises:

> determining whether a frame of the data contains audio or video data;
> buffering audio data when a frame of the data contains audio data;
> buffering video data when a frame of the data contains video data;
> reassembling the buffered audio data into a standard media format; and
> determining whether the reassembled data should include the buffered video data.

Accordingly, because Broussard does not teach or suggest each and every aspect of independent claims 22, 24, and 26. Furthermore, the other references of record also fail to teach or suggest each limitation of independent claims 22, 24, and 26. These claims are thus allowable over the cited art, and a notice of allowance is requested. Furthermore, each of the remaining claims depends from one of these claims and are thus allowable for at least the same reason, and thus a note of allowance is requested for all pending claims.

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for computer systems; and determining whether the reassembled data should include the buffered video data.

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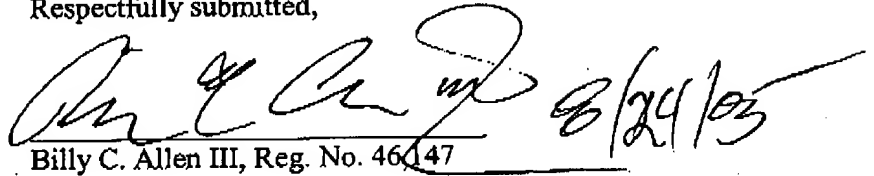
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Applicant submits that all of the pending claims are allowable, and respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued for these claims.

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